



# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5 July - Trinity 4

Zechariah 9.9-12; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end



## Online Benefice Service this Sunday



A service of worship, with contributions from around the Benefice, will be shared on the **St Nicks YouTube channel** [www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_10sXmB7N5CKsD60\\_eRXjg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXjg). Our new curate, Mark Poole, will be involved, and asks that, if you have any, you get a couple of jigsaw pieces ready to hold during the prayers.



## Dial-a-service 899433

If you are not able to access the Benefice Sunday services via the internet, then it is now possible to dial in and to listen to the service at any time during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do. Put the kettle on, find a comfy chair, and dial 899433.

You will first hear a recorded voice with an American accent welcoming you to the service, then be asked to wait a moment. There might be a bit of a pause as the service recording uploads (15-20 seconds), so don't worry.

Many thanks to our Reuben Bird for setting this up. The Service for 28 June is now available to listen to.



## Welcome - a reflection from Revd Nick Bird

Last Sunday our service's theme was Welcome, and today we have the opportunity to welcome Mark Poole to our benefice as our new curate. Today should have been a joyful celebration of Mark's ordination as deacon in the Minster. However, instead, we shall share in the joyful celebration of his and Emma's arrival amongst us, and his temporary licensing as Lay Worker, which he will be until such a time as the ordinations can be rearranged (hopefully at the end of September). Mark will be introducing himself during today's service, and I hope that you also make yourself known to him.



Mark Poole and his wife Emma

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of how great things are revealed to children, rather than the 'wise and intelligent', which is something of a relief! And in many ways we need to recognise that we are learners, beginners, in the work of being fully human, and in serving those

around us. Wide-eyed awe and wonder, a capacity and willingness to learn and grow, a purity of heart, and the acknowledgement that we are not the finished product, are the gifts of infancy. They are also fantastic gifts in a curate, and anyone whose great desire is to be a faithful disciple of Christ.

We welcome Mark, as we welcome anyone in Christian leadership, not to stand over us, but to walk alongside us, and to share our struggles and joys with each other. Together we rehearse the welcome of the kingdom in our service to one another!

So, welcome, Mark and Emma. We hope you have a blessed time amongst us, and we look forward to you being a blessing to us.

We would encourage you all to welcome Mark in your own way (as we can't yet do it properly in person), so you are invited to email him a message at [revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com)

Revd Nick Bird



## Lectionary Corner

11 July: Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism. c.550

A prayer, and a short summary of Benedict's life, can be found on the St Nicks website at: [stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-050720.php](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-050720.php)



## Do you need practical support or a friendly chat?

If you need help/support but don't know who your local Community Support Group volunteers are, please email [covid19east york@gmail.com](mailto:covid19east york@gmail.com), or call Rev Nick Bird on 01904 489349 and we will link you up.

## Benefice Churches

The government announced that places of worship will be permitted to open for public worship once more from 4 July. However, while we are all looking forward to meeting up again, we want to do it at a time which is safe and sensible. We are awaiting further guidelines from both the government and the national church and will delay opening our church buildings for services until we feel the time is right.

The decision has already been taken not to host funerals in the near future, and these will continue to take place either at a crematorium or at the graveside.

All four of the parish churches are now open for two periods each week, for private prayer. Please, note that the opening times for Holtby have been updated. The current opening times are given below.

### Church opening times for private prayer

<b>Holtby</b>	Thursdays 10am - 1pm, Sundays 1pm - 4pm
<b>Stockton</b>	Wednesdays 1pm - 4pm, Sundays 1pm - 4pm
<b>Warthill</b>	Thursdays 1- 4pm, Sundays 1- 4pm
<b>Dunnington</b>	Thursdays 10am - 12pm, Sundays 3pm - 5pm

## Dunnington Methodist Church

Many of you will have seen that the government has begun relaxing the lockdown rules to allow churches to open. There are still significant limitations in what is allowed, and the needs of our congregation and the communities must be considered before making any plans. Risk assessments must be carried out before buildings are opened for any purpose.

All stewards are around for a chat or for help or advise. Diane on 01904 489495, Anne on 01904 481656 or Chris on 01904 481191. Rev Keith Albans can be contacted on 01904 491761 or Circuit office 07984 019995 who will take a message.

The church on the Circuit prayer rota for 5th July is Strensall. Let us thank God for his work in that place and pray for the church as they consider how best to respond to God's call in this time.

### A Prayer

Father who hears us, help us to hear you like little children,  
To follow your call, to share our burdens with you,  
To listen and to learn, to know that you love us.  
Help us to hear your call to love and care,  
to walk alongside others. To share burdens where we can,  
to listen to them and learn, to show them you love them.  
bitterness in our lives.  
Amen

**Clap for NHS.** The final clap for carers is planned for 5th July at 5pm. Everybody across the country is being encouraged to come together on this day, the 72nd anniversary of the birth of the NHS, to thank not only NHS staff but all keyworkers, good neighbours and all those helping others through the coronavirus pandemic.

## New Archbishop of York

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York at 11.00am on Thursday 9 July 2020, in a service broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

To view the service on the Church of England website:

[www.churchofengland.org/aby98](http://www.churchofengland.org/aby98).

The link will be live just before 11.00am on Thursday 9th July 2020.

The service will include music from York Minster Choir and Manor Church of England Academy School (York). Young people from across the north of England will read a letter written by the medieval religious scholar Alcuin of York. Bishop Stephen will offer his first address as Archbishop of York. Prayers will be offered for the Archbishop, the Diocese of York and the Northern Province of the Church of England, as well as for the wider world in these difficult times.

Bishop Stephen said, "I am looking forward to beginning my ministry as the 98th Archbishop of York. This isn't quite how I imagined it would begin. It is certainly the first time an Archbishop's election will have been confirmed via video conference. But we're all having to re-imagine how we live our lives and how we inhabit the world. These are difficult times.

"My hope is that, through this service, the love of God that is given us in Jesus Christ will shine out, perhaps even to those who, while never attending a service in York Minster, might have a look online.

"Following in the footsteps of my many predecessors, I look forward to serving our nation and bringing the love and peace of Christ to our world, especially here in the north."



## Other News

**Sunday Worship.** It looks as though the BBC are not having an act of worship on Sunday mornings now, but Radio York still have an act of Christian Worship at 8.00am.

**Children's Newsletter.** The children's newsletter for this week, and numerous previous issues, are available online at [stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/). They are produced by Lisa Horton, our Children and Families' worker.

**Changes to Bus Timetable.** From Sunday 28th June, First made a minor change to the 10/10A timetable with some times adjusted to account for differing traffic conditions.



Timings from Dunnington to York are unchanged, but all buses from Piccadilly to Dunnington (except for the last four in the evening) leave 3 minutes earlier. So don't miss them!

An update bus guide can be viewed and downloaded from [stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/bus.php](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/bus.php). Thanks to Tony Walmsley for providing this information.

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 12 July**. Items to [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 9 July**